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| FORM PTO-1390 (Modified) U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE<br>(REV. 7-2005)  |  | ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER<br>113642-068                              |
| TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES<br>DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)<br>CONCERNING A SUBMISSION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371   |  | U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 CFR 1.5)<br><b>10/576637</b> |
| INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.<br>PCT/EP2004/052478   | INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE<br>October 8, 2004 | PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED<br>October 23, 2003                           |
| TITLE OF INVENTION<br><b>STRAP TENSIONER AND ASSOCIATED GRIPPING JAWS</b>  |  |   |
| APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US<br><b>K. Degen</b>   |  |   |
| Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:  |  |   |
| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is a <b>FIRST</b> submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> This is a <b>SECOND</b> or <b>SUBSEQUENT</b> submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371.</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (24) indicated below.</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The US has been elected (Article 31).</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(2))             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> has been communicated by the International Bureau.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).</li> </ol> </li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</li> </ol> </li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(3))             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> have been communicated by the International Bureau.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> have not been made and will not be made.</li> </ol> </li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(4)).</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(5)).</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> A copy of the International Preliminary Examination Report (PCT/IPEA/409).</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A copy of the International Search Report (PCT/ISA/210).</li> </ol> |  |   |
| Items 13 to 23 below concern document(s) or information included:  |  |   |
| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A <b>FIRST</b> preliminary amendment.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> A <b>SECOND</b> or <b>SUBSEQUENT</b> preliminary amendment.</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A substitute specification.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> A power of attorney and/or change of address letter.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 CFR 1.821 - 1.825.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the published International Application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the English language translation of the International Application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Express Mail Label No. <b>ED127236382US</b></li> </ol>  |  |   |

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| 23. Other items or information:<br><br>Copy of WO 2005/039923 A2   |              |  |            |                          |  |   |  |              |         |  |  |        |           |   |  |      |           |                           |  |        |  |   |  |      |  |  |  |        |           |   |  |        |  |                           |  |        |  |                                 |  |           |  |   |  |  |  |              |              |  |      |  |  |            |         |   |            |         |  |   |  |  |  |  |  |        |              |              |      |  |  |              |           |   |           |         |  |                    |         |   |            |         |  |   |  |                          |            |         |  |  |  |                                      |  |           |  |  |  |  |  |         |  |  |  |                   |  |           |  |   |  |  |  |         |  |  |  |                             |  |           |  |   |  |   |  |         |  |  |  |                              |  |         |  |  |  |              |  |    |  |  |  |              |  |    |  |
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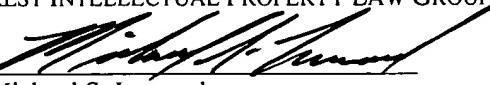
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